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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

House of Representatives

MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021

The House met at 5 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Reverend William Gurnee, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, this day we come humbly before You and ask Your blessing upon our country and this Congress. In Your goodness, be present to our citizens and allies who are far from home and seeking safety.

May our elected leaders make it their aim to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You. Finally, Dear Lord, give the Members of this body passion for their cause, eloquence in debate, and respect for those with whom they disagree.

Most especially, grant them, at the end of the day, the certain knowledge that they have served their country well.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. FEENSTRA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FEENSTRA led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

GET THE VACCINE

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, the coronavirus has gotten to levels in Memphis not known since last January; it is dangerous. Fortunately, today, the Pfizer vaccine was given final full approval by the FDA for all people 16 and over.

This weekend, Phil Valentine, a conservative radio host in Nashville, passed away. Also, one of the greatest football players in Memphis, Danton Barto, 50 years of age, passed away. Both passed because they got COVID; neither had the vaccine. Both said toward the end of their life they wished they would have encouraged everyone to get the vaccine.

I ask you, please get the vaccine. Let America continue its activities and culture and lifestyle as we have known it in the past.

NANCY PELOSI'S SPENDING SPREE

(Mr. STEIL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I rise to sound the alarm of BERNIE SANDERS' and Speaker PELOSI's spending spree. Let's not forget that earlier this year Biden and Pelosi have already spent trillions of dollars. Speaker PELOSI has brought us back to Washington late in August, but not to address the crisis in Afghanistan.

No, she brought us back to push through another \$4.5 trillion in new spending. If we printed that amount of money in bills, it would fill 50,000 semi-trailers. 50,000 semi-trailers of cash, that is what is before us. Who is ultimately going to pay for this? American families, American workers, American farmers, through higher taxes.

And as the cost of everything from school supplies to food to gas continue to go up, all of us will feel the pain of this wasteful spending spree through higher prices.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose this wasteful spending plan.

RESTORE THE PROMISE AND POWER OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

(Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I stand in support of H.R. 4. I stand in support of democracy. Earlier this month, the House Administration Subcommittee on Elections, on which I

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